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Scholarships to Muhammadans in the Ceded Districts College.

363 Q.—Mr. Abdul Hye Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to give the number of Government scholarships awarded to students in the Ceded Districts College, Anantapur, and state how many of them have been given to Muhammadans during the past three years?

A.—The Government have not got the information but will call for it.

Capitation grant to elementary school teachers in Malabar.

364 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the capitation grant due from 1st April 1922 to 31st March 1923 to teachers in elementary schools under local boards in Malabar has not been paid till now; and

(*b*) whether, if it has not been paid till now, he will be pleased to see that it is paid without further delay?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member's attention is drawn to the answer to similar question No. 359.

Educational subsidies to taluk boards.

365 Q.—Mr. V. C. Vellingiri Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that many of the taluk boards are financially unable to meet the demands for providing more elementary schools in spite of the fact that taxes are being levied by them at maximum rates?

A.—No taluk board, except in two instances, has as yet levied all permissible taxes at maximum rates. Any increase of revenue certainly permits the taluk boards to open more elementary schools. If the hon. Member means a sufficient number of elementary schools to permit the introduction of compulsory education, he is informed that the whole question of the expansion of elementary education is now under investigation by a special officer.

Elementary education in villages.

366 Q.—Mr. V. C. Vellingiri Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme on hand or propose to have one very soon to speedily diffuse elementary education in every village having a population of 300 and more; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, when they will announce the scheme?

A.—(*a*) A scheme for the expansion of elementary education is under consideration.

(*b*) As certain very necessary preliminary details have yet to be collected in order to decide the exact line of action, it will take some time before the scheme is finally published.